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THE

SPEECH

Of the Right Honourable

Sir THOMAS LANE, Kt

Lord-Mayor Elect

For the CITY of *LONDON*,

At *Guild-Hall*, upon *Michaelmas-day*. 1694.

2. Octob. 1694

GENTLEMEN,

I Acknowledge your extraordinary Reſpects in Chuſing Me to Serve You in the Higheſt Station of your Government.

I am very ſenſible of my own Unfitneſs for ſo great an Employment, and could have much rather choſe a Retirement; but ſince you will have it ſo, I ſhall, by God's Aſſiſtance, apply My ſelf to the Work you have called Me.

And for the carrying of it on, I will take the beſt Advice and Direction of my Honoured Brethren of the Court of Aldermen; and, on every emergent Occaſion, call in the Aſſiſtance of your Repreſentatives, the Common-Councel.

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And, *Gentlemen*, I desire your most Free Access unto me at all times: For what *By-Laws* you will have Made, or Repeal'd, I will readily call a Common-Council, as oft as you shall desire.

One thing I must beg of you, That as I shall always *Design* and *Endeavour* nothing but the Publick Good, so let my Actions receive a Favourable Construction; and think me not so unworthy as to employ the Power and Trust you have invested in me, to your Prejudice.

I shall be ambitious to follow my Worthy Predecessor in all the Good Ends of Government, though I despair of coming up to his Great Example.

If Emulation be Commendable upon any Account, it must certainly be upon so good a one, as doing the Best Service for the Greatest City in *Europe*, and for such Fellow-Citizens as have in the Worst of Times exposed Themselves to the Greatest Dangers for the Defence of their Religion and Liberties.

May the same Noble Principles still inspire you with a True Zeal for God, your King, and Country; and may the Glorious King *William* and Queen *Mary* always be Happy in the utmost of your Affections and Assistances, that the Tranquility of this City, and of the Nation in general may Flourish.

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